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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A drive and control system for controlling the movement of a pool cover comprised of interconnected rigid buoyant slats. Th
5 system relies upon a hydraulic drive section including a hydraulic motor drive which may be initially provided with fluid under pressure by a remote electric drive section. The hydraulic driv
section is also provided with an effective means of controlling movement of the pool cover, both in a winding direction on a cover drum, which may be submerged, and/or in an unwinding direction
10 where the pool cover is being unwound from the drum. Various mechanisms to control the movement of the cover are described herein.